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Murder Charge Filed Against Man Who Allegedly Ran Over Woman in Long Beach

A murder charge has been added in a case against a man accused of running over a woman at a Long Beach gas station earlier this month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Case NA113459 was amended, charging Harrison Samuel Bowser (dob 7/1/89) of Los Angeles with one count each of murder and vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence as well as one count each of hit-and-run driving resulting in injury to another person and assault with a deadly weapon, truck.

Codefendant Samantha Smith (dob 11/3/93) of Long Beach faces one felony count of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury.

Arraignment on the amended complaint is scheduled today in Department S01 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

On Dec. 15, Smith allegedly fought victim Elizabeth Perez-Espino, 25, and threw her on the ground at a gas station on the 400 block of West Anaheim Street, prosecutors said. Bowser, who was there with Smith, later ran over the victim and fled the scene, prosecutors added. Perez-Espino died as a result of her injuries on Dec. 22.

If convicted as charged, Bowser faces a possible maximum sentence of 15 years to life in state prison. Smith faces a possible maximum sentence of four years in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Long Beach Police Department.

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